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TO : EX/RR
VIA : Ch/G/RR

FROM : Chief, D/GC/RR

DATE: 26 November 1954

SUBJECT: Resume of conference with members of the Clark Committee, 26 November 1954

The following informal reactions are submitted as a resume of the conference held this date by the Chief, Cartography Division and members of the Clark Investigating Committee [REDACTED]

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1. The Division Chief briefly described the history of the Cartography Division as it is currently constituted, pointing out its existence of longer duration than CIA itself. He pointed out that the unit originally stemmed from OSS and Department of State and was transferred to CIA in 1947.

2. Next, the position of the Division and its responsibilities toward the production of cartographic support was compared with other map making units in the U. S. Government. The position of the large map making agencies and their responsibilities for aeronautical charts, hydrographic charts, topographic maps, etc., was described and the position of the Division in its responsibilities toward the production of intelligence maps. Intelligence maps were then defined and briefly described. In this manner map support was basically justified. It was positively pointed out that a map represents a concise presentation of intelligence in a most useable form. Cooperation between this Division and other map making units in the U. S. Government was elaborated with particular emphasis placed on the interchange of technical knowledge as related to the construction of maps.

3. The background and type of training of the personnel in the Division were discussed at some length. The emphasis on geographic training was explained and contrasted with the engineering background of most other government cartographers.

4. Considerable time was spent describing the areas supported by the Division both within CIA and the intelligence community. It was pointed out that approximately 10% of our total effort resulted in support to non-CIA intelligence and that within CIA the Division supported a wide range of components. The support the Division gives to both the operational side and the intelligence side of the Agency was exemplified.

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5. As an example of recent management improvement, it was pointed out that the Division worked closely in resolving the graphics problem within CIA. It was mentioned that the Graphics Branch of the Division is currently moving to OCI in order to establish centralized graphics within DD/I.

6. A brief tour of the Division concluded the interview with members of the Clark Committee.

7. As points of further information answers were given to the following questions asked by members of the Committee. This list does not represent necessarily all the questions asked, however, they are believed to be those most pertinently associated with the Division.

a. Percentage of support given outside of CIA and what percentage of support within CIA is directed towards DD/P?

b. Does the Cartography Division "interpret" maps?

c. What is the T/O strength of the Division and how many professional and clerical employees are involved?

d. Does the Division reproduce maps?

e. Can an example be given of the way in which we cooperate or coordinate activities with AMS as an example of another map produced by the Government?

8. Personal impressions of the conference are as follows:

a. That the work of the Cartography Division from a technical point of view was not understood prior to their arrival and that this type of broad brush treatment is most difficult in a technical Division.

b. That pertinent questions were asked although at times so unrelated that it is feared that lack of technical know-how was evident.

c. That the survey was too superficial to actually determine whether the Cartography Division should be abolished,

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doubled in size or maintained at its present strength. This is primarily due to lack of time.

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